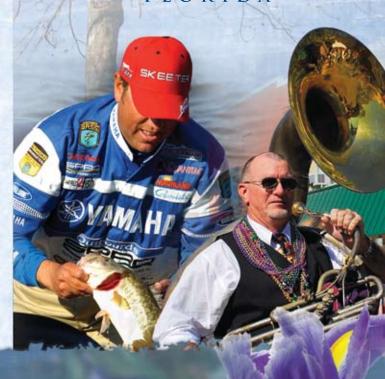
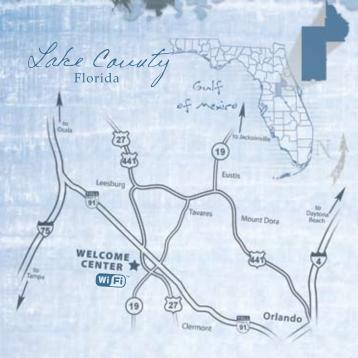
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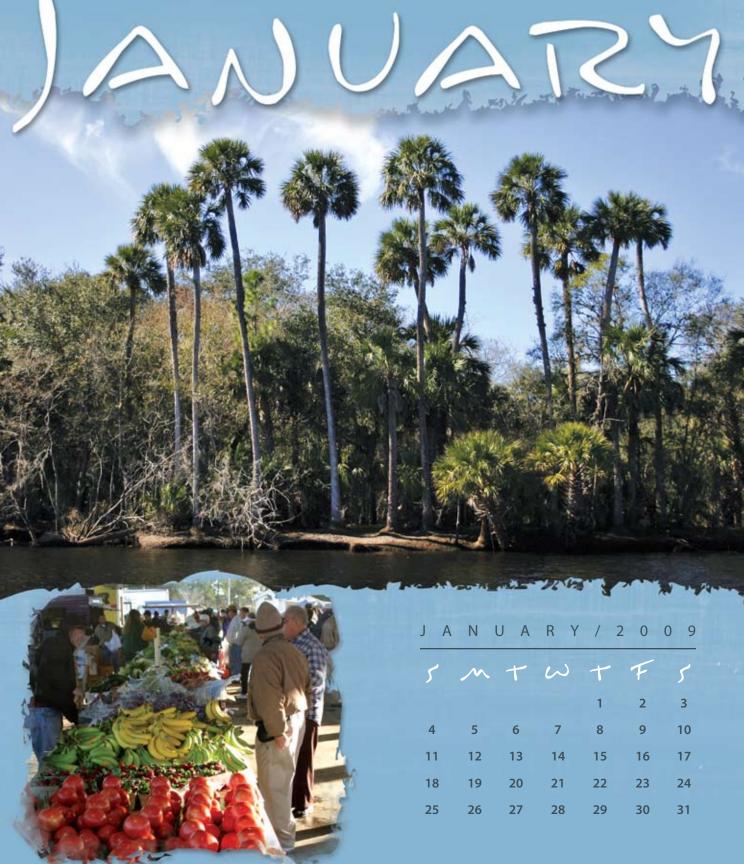
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WHEN: JAN. 1-31

What: Ring in the New Year with a guided kayak tour

Where: Blackwater Lake or Dora Canal

Time: 9 a.m.

Ring in the New Year with a guided kayak tour on Lake County's beautiful waterways. For more information, contact Kenny or Jenny Boyd at 352-589-7899, jenniferkayaks@yahoo.com or log on to www.centralfloridakayaktours.com.

WHEN: JAN. 2-4

What: NTC Winter College Exposure Softball Tournament

Where: Legends Way Ball fields, Clermont

Time: 8 a.m.

For more information, contact Bob Borak at 352-241-4585, bob.borak@ntcsoftball.com or log on to www.ntcsoftball.com.

WHEN: JAN. 2

What: First Friday Street Fest

Where: Downtown Eustis

Time: 6 to 10 p.m.

Cost: free

Visit downtown Eustis for this street party. Each month, three stages are filled with some of the area's best musical entertainment. Visitors can also check out the downtown shops, restaurants and art vendors. The event also includes a kids' area and plenty of food vendors with soft drinks, beer, wine and margaritas. For more information, contact Wayne Carter at 532-357-8555, events@eustismainstreet.org or log on to www.eustismainstreet.org.

WHEN: JAN. 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, 24-25, 31

What: Toy Train Layout

Where: Yesterdaze Antiques, Mount Dora

Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Cost: free

Come see the operating Lionel and American Flyer train layout. Bring a Lionel train to run. Also, browse the shop for other antiques and collectibles such as toys, sporting goods, vintage clothing and accessories and architectural salvage. Call before coming to be sure the train operator will be there. For more information, contact Andrea or Gene at 352-326-2601.

WHEN: JAN. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

What: Winter Music Series

Where: Lakeridge Winery & Vineyards, Clermont

Time: 1 to 5 p.m.

This event includes tours & wine tasting, live music, and food & beverages available for purchase. For more information, contact Brenda Johnson at 352-394-8627 or log on to www.lakeridgewinery.com.

WHEN: JAN. 3

What: BBQ & Bake Sale Fundraiser

Where: American Legion Post 219, Fruitland Park

Time: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost: \$7 and under

Prices for this fundraiser includes a smoker rotisserie chicken/pork combo dinner \$7, a pork sandwich plate \$6 and pork sandwich \$5. For more information, contact Jan Coons at 352-787-2338 or dalecoons@netzero.com.

WHEN: JAN. 3

What: Feasts of Fall

Where: Lake County Art Center, Minneola

Time: 6 to 9 p.m.

Cost: free

The Lake County Art Center presents an art show the first Saturday of each month. The January show focuses on photography; and the February show is Art from the Heart featuring Yvonne Feavearyer. The shows include free food and beverages, demonstrations and live music. For more information, contact Peggy Earnest at 352-242-9676.

WHEN: JAN. 3

What: Holiday Scrub-Jay Orientation

Where: Florida Scrub-Jay Trail, Clermont

Time: 8 to 11 a.m.

Cost: free

Enjoy hot chocolate and coffee on the porch before heading off on a guided tour of the Florida Scrub-Jay Trail. This hiking tour will take participants through the natural habitat of the federally threatened Florida Scrub-Jay, the ancient gopher tortoise, and threatened and endangered plant species. This program is open to all adults, teens and children who share a love of the outdoors, birds and wildlife. For more information, contact Bruce Brown at 352-429-5566, bruce@scrubjaytrail.org or log on to www.scrubjaytrail.org.

WHEN: JAN. 3

What: NTC New Year's Triathlon Festival

Where: National Training Center, Clermont

Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Cost: \$30

The National Training Center New Year's Triathlon Festival is a one-day event designed to bring people together for a few hours of fun, fitness and friendship. Festival activities are led by professional triathlete and certified USA Triathlon coach Sara McLarty. A healthy lunch, Gatorade and snacks will be provided to all participants. Participants are encouraged to bring basic triathlon gear. For more information, contact Carol Kneller at 352-241-7144 ext. 4202, carol.kneller@orlandohealth.com or log on to www.usantc.com.

WHEN: JAN. 6, 13, 20, 27

What: Tavares Tuesday Farmers Market

Where: Wooton Park, Tavares Time: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Cost: free

The Tavares Tuesday Farmers Market features fresh produce, citrus, plants, flowers, bakery items, pastas, jams and jellies, honey, herbs, fresh seafood and organics. The market also offers handcrafted items, such as soaps, candles, oils, jewelry and other one-of-a-kind items. In addition, the market offers great food, slowly smoked barbecue, British meat pies from The Proper Pie Company, cold-cut style sandwiches, smoothies, sweets and more. For more information, contact Daryl Flournoy at 352-551-4964 or dflournoy@hughes.net.

WHEN: JAN. 8

What: Watercolor Exhibit
Where: Leesburg Center for the Arts

Time: 5 to 7 p.m. Cost: free

Join the Leesburg Center for the Arts as it welcomes nationally known watercolor artist Lynn Ferris. The exhibit will open Jan. 8, 2009, and will run until Feb. 13. The Center is open Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. For more information, contact Amy Griffin at 352-365-0232, leesburgcenter4arts@earthlink.net or log on to www.leesburgcenter4arts.com.

WHEN: JAN. 9

What: Fish Fry Fundraiser

Where: American Legion Post 219, Fruitland Park

Time: 4 to 7 p.m.

Cost: \$7 adult; \$3.50 child, age 10 and under

For more information, contact Jan Coons at 352-787-2338 or dalecoons@netzero.com.

WHEN: JAN. 9

What: MLK CommUnity Breakfast Where: Leesburg Community Building

Time: 7:30 to 9 a.m.

Cost: donations accepted

The annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration CommUnity Breakfast will be held in the Community Building at Venetian Gardens. For more information, contact Pamela Fields at 352-728-3632 or pamfields@embargmail.com.

WHEN: JAN. 9

What: Tom Busbee Art Stroll Opening Where: Mount Dora Center for the Arts

Time: 6 to 8 p.m.

Cost: free

Join the Mount Dora Center for the Arts for an Art Stroll evening in downtown Mount Dora. Meet artist Tom Busbee. Enjoy fresh food and wine sampling with friends and family during the first opening of the 2009 Exhibition Series at the Mount Dora Center for the Arts Fine Art Gallery. For more information, contact Christina at 352-383-0880 or christina@mountdoracenterforthearts.org.

WHEN: JAN. 10

What: NTC Running Clinic

Where: National Training Center, Clermont

Time: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Cost: \$125

This National Training Center (NTC) Running Clinic includes introduction to coaching and physiology of training, technical run skills, combined hill workout with pace running, smoothie and training talk, core and functional running workout, pool running skills and drills, and a question-and-answer session. Cost includes binder, DVD and free entry into one NTC running series events. For more information, contact Carol Kneller at 352-241-7144 ext. 4202, carol.kneller@orlandohealth.com or log on to www.usantc.com.

WHEN: JAN. 10-11

What: Winter Art & Craft Festival

Where: downtown Clermont

Time: Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Cost: free

Come stroll the streets of historic downtown Clermont and enjoy the shops and restaurants and the array of art & crafts. The festival is presented by the Clermont Historic Downtown Merchants. For more information, contact Terri Rudzitis at 352-344-0657, tnteventsinc@embargmail.com or log on to www.tnteventsinc.com.

WHEN: JAN. 11

What: Linda Knight: Still Searching

Where: Lake Eustis Museum of Art

Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Cost: free

A house is more than a home for Daytona Beach artist Linda Knight. Working with found objects, Knight has assembled from discarded treasures individual, compelling houses of dreams and stories. Experience "Linda Knight: Still Searching" at the Lake Eustis Museum of Art and Eustis City Hall Gallery Nov. 13 to Jan. 11. For more information, contact Susan Loden at 352-483-2900, lodensusan@gmail.com or log on to www.lakeeustismuseumofart.org.

WHEN: JAN. 15 What: Authors@the Library Where: Paisley County Library Time: 6:30 p.m. Cost: free

The Authors@the Library will feature Bob Gandt author of "Intrepid." The USS Intrepid is a warship unlike any other. The 27,000-ton, Essex-class aircraft carrier has sailed into harm's way around the globe. At Leythe Gulf, the largest naval battle in history, she sank Japanese warships and fought at Okinawa. For more information, contact Honey Brown at 352-253-6153, lbrown@lakeline.lib.fl.us or log on to www.mylakelibrary.org.

WHEN: JAN. 15

What: High Tea Series

Where: Florida Carriage Museum & Resort, Lady Lake

Time: 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Cost: \$44.50

Come and enjoy the High Tea Series in a lovely environment only 10 minutes from The Villages in a gorgeous countryside setting with different breeds of horses, astounding beautifully restored carriages, and lovely vocal and instrumental music. For more information, contact Rita Cloutier at 352-750-5500 ext. 248, rita.cloutier@fcmr.org or log on to www.fcmr.org/hightea.

WHEN: JAN. 15

What: Lyrical Works by Carla Poindexter with The Eccentric Teapot

Where: Lake Eustis Museum of Art

Time: 6-9 p.m. opening; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays

Cost: \$5 for non-members

The Pendulums Pinwheels & Flying Machines: lyrical paintings and drawings by Carla Poindexter, with The Eccentric Teapot, by Robb Reedy will have its opening reception on Jan. 15. The exhibit runs to March 15. For more information, contact Susan Loden at 352-483-2900, lodensusan@gmail.com or log on to www.lakeeustismuseumofart.org.

WHEN: JAN. 16-17

What: Blue Parrot Art & Craft Show

Where: Blue Parrot RV Resort, Lady Lake

Time: Fri. 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sat. 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Cost: free

This event includes free entertainment and homemade food, such as famous barbecued chicken, flame-broiled hamburgers and hot dogs, chili, salad and pies. Other food items include donuts and hot and cold beverages. The variety of art and crafts includes paintings, hand-woven baskets, jewelry, doll clothes, sweatshirts, yard art, woodcrafts and more. For more information, contact Bonnie Micho at 641-228-5466 or jbm0262@gmail.com.

WHEN: JAN. 17-18

What: NTC Triathlon Camp

Where: National Training Center, Clermont

Time: varies

For more information, contact Carol Kneller at 352-241-7144 ext. 4202, carol.kneller@orlandohealth.com or log on to www.usantc.com.

WHEN: JAN. 17

What: MLK Commemoration Parade/March

Where: downtown Leesburg

Time: 11 a.m.

Cost: free

Entrants will line up on Magnolia Street between Fifth and 11th streets. The parade will begin at 11 a.m. and proceed down Main Street through the historic downtown business district. Awards will be given at Lake-Sumter Community College on Monday, Jan. 19, at the Everett A. Kelly Convocation Center at 10 a.m. For more information, contact Christyne Hamilton at 352-365-3592 or cbham85105@aol.com.

WHEN: JAN. 17

What: NTC Winter Sun #1 Track & Field Meet

Where: National Training Center Track & Field Complex, Clermont

Time: 10 a.m.

Cost: \$17 for first event; \$5 each additional event

This is an open track meet with track events including 60-meter hurdles, 60-meter dash, 1600-meter racewalk, 5000-meter run, 400-meter dash, 2000-meter steeplechase, 1-mile run, 800-meter run, 200-meter dash, 1000-meter run and 4x400 meter relay. Field events include weight, hammer, shot put, discus, javelin, pole vault, long jump, high jump and triple jump. For more information, contact Andrew Vince at 352-241-7144 ext. 4216, andrew.vince@orlandohealth.com or log on to www.usantc.com.

WHEN: JAN. 17

What: Take a Stroll Down Memory Lane: Through Art,

History, Music & Trains Where: Tavares City Hall

Time: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Cost: free

Enjoy an evening of art, history, music and train rides. Purchase a train painting by watercolorist Dan Crusie, enjoy a collection of antique RR memorabilia, purchase reproduced architectural drawings of old train depots (drawings found at the Library of Congress), view a large collection of vintage postcards and send a message by Morse Code. For more information, contact Tammey Rogers at 352-742-6338, trogers@tavares.org or log on to www.tavares.org.

WHEN: JAN. 17

What: Tavares Train Festival

Where: Tavares City Hall and Wooton Park

Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Cost: free

Catch the train out of Wooton Park in downtown Tavares for only \$5, but watch out for the "robbers." Enjoy delicious food, antique cars on Main Street, a disc jockey, old-time crafters, working artists, a train swap meet, model train display, antique post cards, train art and train memorabilia. For more information, contact Tammey Rogers at 352-742-6338, trogers@tavares.org or log on to www.tavares.org.

WHEN: JAN. 20

What: Ben Franklin Impersonator

Where: Leesburg Public Library

Time: 4 p.m.

Cost: free

A Ben Franklin impersonator will be visiting the Leesburg Public Library. This event is open to all ages. For more information, contact Jessica Luby at 352-728-9790, librarian@leesburgflorida.gov or log on to www.leesburgflorida.gov.

WHEN: JAN. 21

What: Mount Dora Art League

Where: W.T. Bland Public Library, Mount Dora

Time: 10:30 a.m. Cost: free

Myron Leggett will be presenting a program on digital photography. Leggett is well known in the area for his beautiful photographic work. All are welcome and light refreshments will be served. For more information, call 352-735-0128.

WHEN: JAN. 21

What: Tree Give-Away

Where: Lake County Agricultural Center, Tavares

Time: 11 a.m. Cost: free

The Lake Soil and Water Conservation District, in partnership with the Florida Division of Forestry, will be giving away bare-root trees in honor of Florida Arbor Day. Each person will be allowed one tree of each available variety: Dogwood, Bald Cypress, Redbay, Southern Magnolia and Red Cedar. For more information, contact Brad Russ at 352-343-2481 ext. 6 or brad.russ@fl.nacdnet.net.

WHEN: JAN. 22-24

What: Bass Pro Shops Crappie State Qualifying Tournament

Where: Wooton Park, Tavares Time: 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Cost: free

This is the first qualifying tournament for the Crappie Masters tour. There is a registration fee for anglers. For more information, contact Cecilia Smith at 352-742-6176, csmith@tavares.org or log on to www.tavares.org.

WHEN: JAN. 22

What: Visit from Ben Franklin

Where: Cagan Crossings Community Library, Clermont

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Enjoy an evening of discussion with Ben Franklin, as the audience will learn about the magic of reading. Witness Mr. Franklin reenacting one of his famous scientific experiments. The event is open to all ages. For more information, contact Eleanor Tierney at 352-243-1840 or etierney@lakeline.lib.fl.us.

WHEN: JAN. 23

What: A Musical Evening

Where: Historic State Theatre, Eustis

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Singer songwriter Tim Krekel brings his music to the stage at the Historic State Theater in Eustis. A former lead guitar player for Jimmy Buffett, Tim's style of music includes blues, rock and everything in between. All proceeds benefit Public Arts and Music. For more information, contact Wayne Carter at 352-357-8555, events@eustismainstreet.org or log on to www.eustismainstreeet.org.

WHEN: JAN. 23 What: Burns Supper

Where: Mount Dora Golf Association

Time: 5 to 10 p.m. Cost: \$22

This dinner, sponsored by Mount Dora Sister Cities Association, marks the 250th anniversary of Scottish poet Roberts Burns' birth. A roast beef and chicken buffet will be complemented by a parade of the traditional dish, the haggis, to the skirl of bagpipes. A full evening of Scottish entertainment includes vocal, fiddle and bagpipe music, toasts, poetry and the Immortal Memory address. For more information, contact Bill Forbes at 352-383-4198 or bethforbe@hotmail.com.

WHEN: JAN. 23-25, 30-31

What: Oliver

Where: Melon Patch Playhouse, Leesburg Time: Fri. & Sat. 8 p.m.; Sun. 2 p.m. Cost: \$15 adult; \$7 student

Lionel Bart's "Oliver" is based on the Dickens' novel. It engages audiences with its pathos and drama, while delighting everyone with its outstanding musical numbers, such as "Food, Glorious Food" and "As Long As He Needs Me." Dickens' characters are brought to life — perhaps larger than life — with all their facets glowing in this production. For more information, contact Marie Cormier at 352-787-3013, me1on50@ aol.com or log on to www.businessmasters.net/melonpatch.

WHEN: JAN. 24-25

What: NTC Spring Kickoff Softball Tournament Where: Legends Way Ball fields, Clermont Time: 8 a.m.

For more information, contact Bob Borak at 352-241-4585, bob.borak@ntcsoftball.com or log on to www.ntcsoftball.com.

WHEN: JAN. 24

What: Authors@the Library

Where: W.T. Bland Public Library, Mount Dora

Time: 11 a.m. Cost: free

The Authors@the Library program will feature Janice Sims and her new release "Seduced by Moonlight." Since 1996, she has published 13 novels and has had nine stories included in anthologies. For more information, contact Honey Brown at 352-253-6153, lbrown@lakeline. lib.fl.us or log on to www.mylakelibrary.org.

WHEN: JAN. 24

What: Bass Pro Shops Crappie Masters Kids Fishing Rodeo

Where: Wooton Park, Tavares

Time: 8-9 a.m. registration; 9-11 a.m. fishing; 12 p.m. lunch

Cost: free

This is a free kids fishing rodeo for children 12 and under, accompanied by an adult. Participants need to bring a pole and bait. There are prizes for all. For more information, contact Cecilia Smith at 352-742-6176, csmith@tavares.org or log on to www.tavares.org.

WHEN: JAN. 24

What: Downtown Eustis Cruise-In Where: Downtown Eustis and Ferran Park Time: 5 to 9 p.m.

Cost: free

The Downtown Eustis Cruise-In features hundreds of classic cars in the great atmosphere of an historic downtown. Take a stroll down memory lane, checking out beautiful cars while listening to great tunes from the disc jockey. Registration is free. Great door prizes and eight \$50 cash prizes are given away each month. For more information, contact Wayne Carter at 352-357-8555, events@eustismainstreet.org or log on to www.eustismainstreet.org.

WHEN: JAN. 24

What: Winter Scrub-Jay Trail Day Where: Florida Scrub-Jay Trail, Clermont Time: 8 to 11 a.m.

Cost: free

Join the growing list of Scrub-Jay Trailblazers as they restore the habitat for the threatened Florida Scrub-Jay. The program begins with breakfast on the porch of the Trailhouse, followed by an update on the status of the scrub-jay and latest developments on the Trail. Then it's off to the Trail for a few hours of clearing the Trail and planting new scrub trees and plants. For more information, contact Bruce Brown at 352-429-5566, bruce@scrubjaytrail.org or log on to www.scrubjaytrail.org.



WHEN: JAN. 29-31 **What: Bassmasters Open Series** Where: Wooton Park, Tavares Time: varies Cost: registration fee for anglers

The Harris Chain of Lakes welcomes the 2009 Bassmaster Southern Open. Entry fees for professional anglers is \$1,000 (\$400 deposit) and co-angler \$300 (\$100 deposit). For more information, contact Bill Deese at 352-250-1653, wbdeese@comcast.net or log on to www.bassmaster.com.

WHEN: JAN. 29 **What: Community Dance** Where: Tavares Civic Center Time: 7 p.m. Cost: free

Dance the evening away with smooth sounds of the BonTempos. For more information, contact Beth Sindler at 352-742-6204.



WHEN: JAN. 29-31 What: Montverde Academy Invitational Basketball Tournament Where: John E. Lehmann Gym, Montverde

Time: varies Cost: free

The Sixth Annual Invitational Tournament features local public and private schools. Game times will vary. For a comprehensive game schedule, contact Montverde Academy. For more information, contact Kasey Kesselring at 407-469-2561 or log on to www.montverde.org.

WHEN: JAN. 30-31 What: Art & Quilt Exhibit Where: Jenkins Auditorium, Clermont Time: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Cost: \$5

The South Lake Art League and Clermont Sewing & Quilting are hosting a fine art and fabric art exhibit at Jenkins Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at Clermont Sewing & Quilting, 741 W. Montrose St., South Lake Art League, 776 W. Montrose St., or at the event. For more information, contact Sue Sutton at 352-241-4950, southlakeart@aol.com or log on to www.southlakeartleague.com.

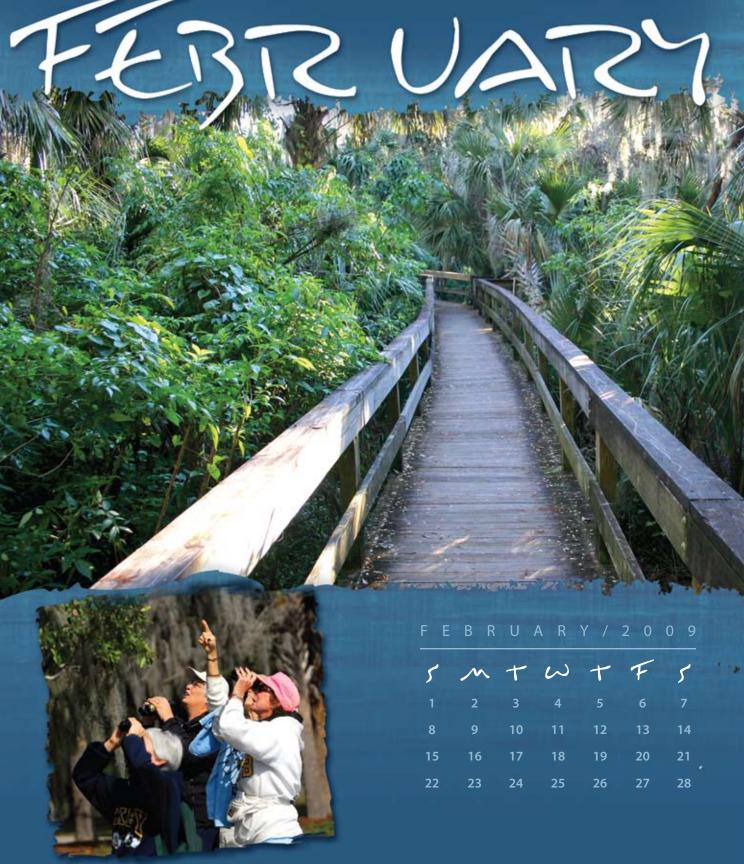
WHEN: JAN. 31

What: NTC Throws Challenge

Where: National Training Center Track & Field Complex, Clermont Time: 11 a.m.

Cost: \$30 pentathlon; \$17 first event; \$5 additional

This event includes the weight pentathlon events of hammer, shot put, discus, javelin and weight. Open mixed events include javelin, discus, shot put, weight and hammer. For more information, contact Andrew Vince at 352-241-7144 ext. 4216, andrew.vince@orlandohealth.com or log on to www.usantc.com.



WHEN: FEB. 1-28

What: The babies have arrived kayak tour

Where: Dora Canal, Tavares

Time: 9 a.m. Cost: \$59

The baby birds have arrived. February is a great time to see them and a guided kayak tour is the perfect way to do just that. Kayaking is a great way to explore nature in a non-invasive way and to get close to the animals. For more information, contact Kenny & Jenny Boyd at 352-589-7899, jenniferkayaks@yahoo.com or log on to www.centralfloridakayaktours.com.

WHEN: FEB. 1, 7-8, 14-15, 21-22, 28

What: Toy Train Layout

Where: Yesterdaze Antiques, Mount Dora

Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Cost: free

Come see the operating Lionel and American Flyer train layout. Bring a Lionel train to run. Also, browse the shop for other antiques and collectibles such as toys, sporting goods, vintage clothing and accessories and architectural salvage. Call before coming to be sure the train operator will be there. For more information, contact Andrea or Gene at 352-326-2601.

WHEN: FEB. 1, 6-8

What: Oliver

Where: Melon Patch Playhouse, Leesburg Time: Fri. & Sat. 8 p.m.; Sun. 2 p.m. Cost: \$15 adult: \$7 student

Lionel Bart's "Oliver" is based on the Dickens' novel. It engages audiences with its pathos and drama, while delighting everyone with its outstanding musical numbers, such as "Food, Glorious Food" and "As Long As He Needs Me." Dickens' characters are brought to life — perhaps larger than life — with all their facets glowing in this production. For more information, contact Marie Cormier at 352-787-3013, me1on50@aol.com or log on to www.businessmasters.net/melonpatch.

WHEN: FEB. 2, 27

What: The Art of the Book featuring Janeen Mason

Where: Lake County Historical Museum, Tavares

Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Cost: free

Award-winning author and illustrator Janeen Mason will be the featured artist for the 2009 Festival of Reading, themed "Fantastic Florida." This is a once in a lifetime chance for Lake County residents to view a kaleidoscopic array of the aquatic and the astronomical. Mason's paintings are from the popular children's books "Ocean Commotion: Sea Turtles" and "Going around the Sun: Some Planetary Fun." For more information, contact Dr. Diane Kamp at 352-343-9600, jbuckland@lakeline.lib.fl.us or log on to www.mylakelibrary.org.

WHEN: FEB. 3, 10, 17, 24

What: Tavares Tuesday Farmers Market

Where: Wooton Park, Tavares

Time: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Cost: free

The Tavares Tuesday Farmers Market features fresh produce, citrus, plants, flowers, bakery items, pastas, jams and jellies, honey, herbs, fresh seafood and organics. The market also offers handcrafted items, such as soaps, candles, oils, jewelry and other one-of-a-kind items. In addition, the market offers great food, slowly smoked barbecue, British meat pies from The Proper Pie Company, cold-cut style sandwiches, smoothies, sweets and more. For more information, contact Daryl Flournoy at 352-551-4964 or dflournoy@hughes.net.

WHEN: FEB. 3

What: Magic Show and Workshop

Where: Leesburg Public Library

Time: 4 p.m Cost: free

Magician Brian LaPalme will present a half-hour magic show for ages 4-12. An hour-long magic workshop for ages 8 to 12 will follow the show and is limited to 25 children. LaPalme has been a professional magician since 1976. He tours the United States most of the year but resides in Ocala in his off time. He performs with the Lewis & Clark Circus part of the year. For more information, contact Natalie Houston at 352-728-9790, librarian@leesburgflorida.gov or log on to www.leesburgflorida.gov/library/kids.

WHEN: FEB. 6-8, 12-15, 19-22, 25-28

What: The Full Monty

Where: The Historic State Theatre, Eustis Time: Wed.-Sat. 8 p.m.; Sun. 2:30 p.m.

Cost: \$15 Wed.-Thur.; \$18 Fri.-Sun.

Seeing how much their wives enjoy watching male strippers during their girls' night out, unemployed steelworkers in Buffalo, N.Y., come up with a bold way to make some quick cash. In the process, they find renewed self-esteem, the importance of friendship and the ability to have fun. For more information, call 352-357-7777 or log on to www.baystreetplayers.org.

WHEN: FEB. 6-8

What: Wayfarer Nationals & Midwinter Regatta

Where: Lake Eustis Sailing Club

Time: all day

Cost: \$70

The 10th Annual Regatta for Wayfarer sailing dinghies consisting of up to seven races. For more information, contact Mike Murto at 352-357-8453, dottydot39@aol.com or log on to www.lakeeustissailingclub.org.

WHEN: FEB. 6 What: First Friday Street Fest Where: Downtown Eustis Time: 6 to 10 p.m. Cost: free

Visit downtown Eustis for this street party. Each month, three stages are filled with some of the area's best musical entertainment. Visitors can also check out the downtown shops, restaurants and art vendors. The event also includes a kid's area and plenty of food vendors with soft drinks, beer, wine and margaritas. For more information, contact Wayne Carter at 532-357-8555, events@eustismainstreet.org or log on to www.eustismainstreet.org.



WHEN: FEB. 7-8

What: 34th Annual Mount Dora Arts Festival Where: downtown Mount Dora Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost: free

Embarq presents the 34th Annual Mount Dora Arts Festival. This celebrated art show brings together 285 nationally acclaimed artists to downtown Mount Dora for a weekend of arts. Enjoy live music all day, both days and fair food. For more information, contact Christina at 352-383-0880 or christina@mountdoracenterforthearts.org.

WHEN: FEB. 7-8

What: MC Scow Regatta Where: Lake Eustis Sailing Club Time: Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sun. 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Cost: \$60

A sailing regatta for MC Scows with about five races. For more information, contact David Moring at 352-239-0432, dmoring@tmcentral.net or log on to www.lakeeustissailingclub.org.

WHEN: FEB. 7 What: Feasts of Fall

Where: Lake County Art Center, Minneola Time: 6 to 9 p.m.

Cost: free

The Lake County Art Center presents an art show the first Saturday of each month. The February show is Art from the Heart featuring Yvonne Feavearyer. The shows include free food and beverages, demonstrations and live music. For more information, contact Peggy Earnest at 352-242-9676.

WHEN: FEB. 7

What: 5th Annual Tavares African-American Heritage Festival & Parade

Where: Wooton Park, Tavares Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Cost: free

Celebration of the African-American creativity features history and cultural learning, music, arts, balloons, praise dancers, rappers, crafts, steppers, moonwalks and more. For more information, contact Michael J. Watkins at 352-343-0578, mwatkins@metalsusa.com or log on to www.mylakelibrary.org.

WHEN: FEB. 7

What: BBQ & Bake Sale Fundraiser

Where: American Legion Post 219, Fruitland Park

Time: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost: \$7 and under

Prices for this fundraiser includes a smoker rotisserie chicken/pork combo dinner \$7, a pork sandwich plate \$6 and pork sandwich \$5. For more information, contact Jan Coons at 352-787-2338 or dalecoons@netzero.com.

WHEN: FEB. 7

What: End of an Era Concert

Where: Mount Dora Community Building Time: 7 to 9 p.m.

Cost: \$20

The Hoppen All-Star Band features Orleans lead singer Larry Hoppen. Come listen, dance and sing-along to such hits as "Still the One," "Dance with Me" and "Dancin in the Moonlight." Come enjoy the Mount Dora Arts Festival, stay for dinner in a downtown restaurant and see a great live performance. For more information, contact Kevin J Batliner at 352-735-0410, jkbatliner@cs.com or log on to www.motherjconcerts.com.

WHEN: FEB. 7

What: Scrub-Jay Winter Orientation Where: Florida Scrub-Jay Trail, Clermont Time: 8 to 11 a.m.

Cost: free

Visit the Scrub-Jay Trail for an orientation program on the status of this threatened bird that only lives in Florida. With the help of volunteers, there's hope that this species will not become extinct. The event begins on the front porch of the Trailhouse, with coffee and an update, then a hike to the Trail search for this sometimes-elusive bird. For more information, contact Bruce Brown at 352-429-5566, bruce@scrubjaytrail.org or log on to www.scrubjaytrail.org.



What: Art Escapade

Where: Lake Eustis Museum of Art

Time: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Cost: free

Lake Eustis Museum of Art and Melon Patch Players celebrate United Arts ArtsFest with a day of family fun, food, paintings and drawings by Carla Poindexter, and teapots by Robb Reedy. For more information, contact Susan Loden at 352-483-2900, lodensusan@gmail.com or log on to www.lakeeustismuseumofart.org.

WHEN: FEB. 11-27

What: South Lake Art League Photography Show Where: South Lake Art League Gallery, Clermont

Time: reception on Feb. 13 at 5-7:30 p.m.

Cost: free

The South Lake Art League is hosting a Judged Photography Show open to all South Lake County residents. Entry forms may be obtained at the South Lake Art League Gallery, Clermont Chamber of Commerce or by calling Shirley Sojourner at (352) 394-7338 or Sue Sutton at (352) 241-4950. Entry forms must be submitted by Feb. 6, 2009. For more information, contact Shirley Sojourner at 352-394-7338, southlakeart@aol.com or log on to www.southlakeartleague.com.

WHEN: FEB. 12-15

What: NTC Train with the Pros Triathlon Camp

Where: National Training Center, Clermont

Time: varies

The National Training Center (NTC) Train with the Pros Camp is a multi-day camp. New Clermont resident Sara McLarty has come to the NTC to organize and lead various multi-sport events and activities. For more information, contact Carol Kneller at 352-241-7144 ext. 4202, carol.kneller@orlandohealth.com or log on to www.usantc.com.

WHEN: FEB. 12

What: Authors@the Library

Where: Puryear Building, Groveland

Time: 2 p.m.

Cost: free

This Authors@the Library program will feature award-winning journalist Gary Corsair. In 2002, he published the first, and only, in-depth expose of the infamous 1949 Groveland Rape Trial. Now, Corsair marks the 60th anniversary of the sensational case that garnered worldwide attention with an updated version of his groundbreaking book: "A Legal Lynching: The Saga of the Groveland Four." For more information, contact Honey Brown at 352-253-6153, lbrown@lakeline.lib.fl.us or log on to www.mylakelibrary.org.

WHEN: FEB. 12

What: Father-Daughter Dance

Where: Tavares Civic Center

Time: 6 p.m.

Cost: \$10 per couple

The Seventh Annual Father-Daughter Dance is a two-hour event just for fathers and daughters. There will be a nice cuisine of catered food, giveaways throughout the night, special music by Prime Time Entertainment and a red rose to take home for each girl. For more information, contact Valerie Madden at 352-742-6370, vmadden@tavares.org or log on to www.tavares.org.

WHEN: FEB. 13

What: Watercolor Exhibit

Where: Leesburg Center for the Arts

Time: 5 to 7 p.m.

Cost: free

Join the Leesburg Center for the Arts as it welcomes nationally known watercolor artist Lynn Ferris. The exhibit will open Jan. 8, 2009, and will run until Feb. 13. The Center is open Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. For more information, contact Amy Griffin at 352-365-0232, leesburgcenter4arts@earthlink.net or log on to www.leesburgcenter4arts.com.

WHEN: FEB. 13

What: Fish Fry Fundraiser

Where: American Legion Post 219, Fruitland Park

Time: 4 to 7 p.m.

Cost: \$7 adult; \$3.50 child age 10 and under

For more information, contact Jan Coons at 352-787-2338 or dalecoons@netzero.com.

WHEN: FEB. 14-15

What: NTC February Fever Festival Softball Tournament

Where: Legends Way Ball fields, Clermont

Time: 8 a.m.

For more information, contact Bob Borak at 352-241-4585, bob.borak@ntcsoftball.com or log on to www.ntcsoftball.com.

WHEN: FEB. 14

What: 17th Annual Dennis Jones Memorial Golf Classic

Where: Palisades Country Club, Clermont

Time: 11 a.m. registration; 1 p.m. shotgun start

Cost: \$75

This event is open to everyone. DJM Golf Classic, now in its 17th year, has generated more than \$100,000 in proceeds that are used to provide college scholarships for underprivileged black youth that demonstrate a prowess for education and involvement in the community. For more information, contact Willie Montgomery at 352-217-1397, info@djmgolf.com or log on to www.djmgolf.com.

What: Birds and Bicycles

Where: Emeralda Marsh Conservation Area, Leesburg

Time: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Cost: \$4

Visitors will bicycle or walk Emeralda Marsh. This wetland system is noted for its views, wildlife and especially its birds. The activity will be on the interpretive drive, about four miles of hard clay surface. There will be birders, naturalists and biologists stationed along the route to tell participants about the natural wonders. Call for reservations. For more information, contact Lavon Silvernell at 352-357-7536, silvernell@lcia.com or log on to www.troutlakenature.org.

WHEN: FEB. 14

What: NTC Valentine's Day Triathlon

Where: Lake Louisa State Park, Clermont

Time: 9 a.m.

Cost: \$50

The Valentine's Day Triathlon is a sprint triathlon that will take place at Lake Louisa State Park and is designed for both first-time and veteran athletes. The race will take place the day before the Florida's Great Escape Triathlon. The distances are 400-yard swim, 9-mile bike and 2-mile run. For more information, contact Tom Ziebart at 352-241-7144 ext. 4209, thomas.ziebart@orlandohealth.com or log on to www.usantc.com.

WHEN: FEB. 14

What: NTC Winter Sun #2 Track & Field Meet

Where: National Training Center Track & Field Complex, Clermont

Cost: \$17 for first event; \$5 each additional event

This open track meet includes track events, such as 3000-meter racewalk, 60-meter hurdles, 60-meter dash, 400-meter dash, 2000-meter steeplechase, 1-mile run, 800-meter run, 200-meter dash, 1000-meter run, 4x400 meter relay, distance medley, 3000-meter run and 200-meter dash. Field events include weight, hammer, shot put, discus, javelin, pole vault, long jump, high jump and triple jump. For more information, contact Andrew Vince at 352-241-7144 ext. 4216. andrew.vince@orlandohealth.com or log on to www.usantc.com.

WHEN: FEB. 15-17, 22-24

What: The Sisterhood Series

Where: The Historic State Theatre, Eustis

Time: Sun. 7:30 p.m.; Fri. & Sat. 8 p.m.

Cost: \$10

This encore series with more productions is designed to capture the audience with everything from provocative commentary pieces from the female perspective to some edgy holiday cheer. For more information, call 352-357-7777 or log on to www.baystreetplayers.org.

WHEN: FEB. 15

What: Florida's Great Escape Triathlon

Where: Lake Louisa State Park, Clermont

Time: 9 a.m. Cost: \$90

The Florida's Great Escape Triathlon is part of the Escape to Alcatraz Triathlon Series that will qualify athletes for the Escape to Alcatraz Triathlon in June 2009. The distances are 1-mile swim, 18-mile bike and 5-mile run. For more information, contact Tom Ziebart at 352-241-7144 ext. 4209, thomas.ziebart@orlandohealth.com or log on to www.usantc.com.

WHEN: FEB. 18

What: Mount Dora Art League

Where: W.T. Bland Public Library, Mount Dora

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Cost: free

Suzan Buckwalder will demonstrate the beautiful art of "Batik" Buckwalder is also well known for working in various other media. All are invited to this must-see program and light refreshments will be served. For more information, call 352-735-0128.



WHEN: FEB. 19-22

and "Along Comes Mary"); Nashville's leading songwriters from the legendary Bluebird Café including Billy Kirsch, Tony Haselden and Georgia Middleman; and the Florida Lakes Symphony Orchestra performing Rule Brittania with a piano solo by Guy St. Clair. The festival Nancy Howell at 352-383-2627, info@mountdoramusicfest.com or log

What: Authors@the Library Where: MLK Center, Mount Dora

Time: 9 a.m. Cost: free

This Authors@the Library program will feature award-winning journalist Gary Corsair. In 2002, he published the first, and only, in-depth expose of the infamous 1949 Groveland Rape Trial. Now, Corsair marks the 60th anniversary of the sensational case that garnered worldwide attention with an updated version of his groundbreaking book: "A Legal Lynching: The Saga of the Groveland Four." For more information, contact Honey Brown at 352-253-6153, lbrown@lakeline.lib.fl.us or log on to www. mylakelibrary.org.

WHEN: FEB. 19

What: High Tea Series

Where: Florida Carriage Museum & Resort, Lady Lake

Time: 2:30 to 4 p.m. Cost: \$44.50

Come and enjoy the High Tea Series in a lovely environment only 10 minutes from The Villages in a gorgeous countryside setting with different breeds of horses, astounding beautifully restored carriages, and lovely vocal and instrumental music. For more information, contact Rita Cloutier at 352-750-5500 ext. 248, rita.cloutier@fcmr.org or log on to www.fcmr.org/hightea.



WHEN: FEB. 20-22

What: 2009 Florida Horse Festival & Carriage Show Where: Florida Carriage Museum & Resort, Lady Lake Time: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Florida Carriage Museum & Resort will host the all-new Florida Horse Festival & Carriage Show. This event is designed to be spectator friendly and interactive with unique equine performances throughout the weekend. This year, the prestigious Pleasure Driving Show, where carriage drivers from around the world compete, will be a major highlight of the festival. For more information, contact Robyn Orser at 352-750-5500 ext. 221, robyn.orser@fcmr.org or log on to www.fcmr.org/pdste.

WHEN: FEB. 20-22

What: NTC Winter Soccer Challenge

Where: National Training Center and surrounding fields, Clermont

Time: Varies

Cost: U9/U10 \$350; U11/U12 \$400; U13/U14 \$450

This tournament is devoted to younger age groupings (U9-U14). This will complete the National Training Center's tournament offerings. For more information, contact Marty Shirley at 352-241-7144 ext. 4212, marty.shirley@orlandohealth.com or log on to www.usantc.com.

WHEN: FEB. 20-22

What: Winefest XVIIII

Where: Lakeridge Winery & Vineyards, Clermont Time: Fri. & Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Cost \$2 donation

This event includes arts & crafts, live music, tours and wine tasting, and food & beverages for purchase. For more information, contact Brenda Johnson at 352-394-8627 or log on to www.lakeridgewinery.com.

WHEN: FEB. 20

What: 12th Annual Mardi Gras Ball A Crowning Event

Where: Leesburg Opera House Time: 7 p.m. to 12 a.m.

Formal or costume attire is suggested for this ticketed event. Revelers will enjoy festive food, drink and entertainment while witnessing the crowning of King Rex and Queen Devine. Proceeds benefit the Annual Mardi Gras "Party in the Street" Celebration. For more information, contact Joe Shipes at 352-365-0053, joe@leesburgpartnership.com or log on to www.leesburgmardigras.com.

WHEN: FEB. 21-24

What: Valerie Stewart Oil Portrait Workshop

Where: Enchanted Cottage Studio at Cagan Crossings, Clermont Time: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Cost: \$450

This four-day workshop with acclaimed portrait artist Valerie Stewart will teach students how to master her technique while painting two portraits. Class size is limited. Registration is required. For more information, contact Kathie Camara at 352-241-6407, acamara1@cfl.rr.com or log on to www.butterflykissesstudio.com.

WHEN: FEB. 21-22

What: George Washington Birthday Regatta

Where: Lake Eustis Sailing Club

Time: all day

Cost: \$60

A sailing regatta for catamaran, dinghy and Opti sailing boats. For more information, contact Jim Lingeman at 352-589-0488, lingejnl@aol.com or log on to www.lakeeustissailingclub.org.



What: 12th Annual Mardi Gras Party in the Street Where: downtown Leesburg
Time: 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Held in historic downtown Leesburg, this party is 12 hours of madness starting with a children's parade at 11 a.m. followed by the pet's parade at 2 p.m. Enjoy festive foods, live entertainment on three stages, street performers, stilt walkers, jugglers, tight ropewalkers, fire-eater and more. The spectacular Main Street Mardi Gras Parade begins at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Joe Shipes at 352-365-0053, joe@leesburgpartnership.com or log on to www.leesburgmardigras.com.

WHEN: FEB. 21

What: Rummage Sale Fundraiser

Where: American Legion Post 219, Fruitland Park

Time: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Cost: free

This is a semi-annual Auxiliary Unit 219 fundraiser. For more information, contact Jan Coons at 352-787-2338 or dalecoons@netzero.com.

WHEN: FEB. 21

What: Sing-Fest

Where: Haines Creek Baptist Church, Leesburg

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Cost: free

Combined church choirs and the Creekside Singers will present a great evening of Christian music for the benefit of Good News Jail & Prison Ministry in the Lake County Detention Center. For more information, contact Pete Bandstra at 352-343-2715 or jailchappete@aol.com.

WHEN: FEB. 22

What: Edwardian Ladies Tea

Where: Tavares Civic Center

Time: 3 p.m.

Cost: free, tickets required

The elegance and sophistication of the Edwardian period is brought to life in this delightful presentation by Laurie Nienhaus, titled "Remembering Miss Millay." Bring a teacup and saucer and enjoy light refreshments and tea in a drawing room atmosphere. Dressy casual attire, hats and gloves are recommended. Tickets are available beginning Feb. 1. For more information, contact Marli Lopez at 352-742-6204.

WHEN: FEB. 24

What: Authors@the Library

Where: Lady Lake Community Building

Time: 2 p.m. Cost: free

This Authors@the Library program will feature award-winning journalist Gary Corsair. In 2002, he published the first, and only, in-depth expose of the infamous 1949 Groveland Rape Trial. Now, Corsair marks the 60th anniversary of the sensational case that garnered worldwide attention with an updated version of his groundbreaking book: "A Legal Lynching: The Saga of the Groveland Four." For more information, contact Honey Brown at 352-253-6153, lbrown@lakeline.lib.fl.us or log on to www.lakeline.lib.fl.us.

WHEN: FEB. 24

What: Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune

Where: Leesburg Public Library

Time: 7 p.m.

Cost: free

Travel back to 1954 to meet the founder of Bethune-Cookman College — a visionary educator and civil rights activist. Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, portrayed by Ersula Knox Odom, shares stories about her life and accomplishments, and her thoughts about the Supreme Court's landmark Brown v. Board of Education decision. This event is sponsored by Florida Humanities Council and the Friends of the Leesburg Library. For more information, contact Carol Anderson at 352-728-9790, Carol.Anderson@leesburgflorida.gov or log on to www.leesburgflorida.gov/library.

WHEN: FEB. 25

What: Authors@the Library

Where: Leesburg Public Library

Time: 7 p.m.

Cost: free

The Authors@the Library program will feature Linnea Sinclair who will introduce "Hope's Folly," the third book in the Gabriel's Ghost series. Sinclair is a former news reporter and retired private detective. For more information, contact Honey Brown at 352-253-6153, lbrown@lakeline.lib.fl.us or log on to www.mylakelibrary.org.

WHEN: FEB. 27-28

What: Antique Motorcycle Club Sunshine Chapter Annual Meet

Where: Lake County Fairgrounds, Eustis

Time: Fri. & Sat. 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun. 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

Cost: Parking fee only

This event is the Sunshine Chapter of the Antique Motorcycle Club of America's 14th annual meet and features a large display of antique motorcycles and parts for sale. Sunday features judging of the restored motorcycles at 9 a.m. For more information, call 352-357-9692 or e-mail jallen@lakecountyfl.gov.

WHEN: FEB. 27-28

What: GeorgeFest 2009

Where: Ferran Park and downtown Eustis

Time: Fri. 5-10 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sun. 12-5 p.m.

Cost: free

The 107th Annual George Washington's Birthday Festival "GeorgeFest" in Ferran Park on beautiful Lake Eustis is a three-day event with food, carnival rides, vendors, contests and live entertainment. Fireworks are scheduled for Friday night, weather permitting. The annual Grand Parade will be held on Saturday morning. Parade entry applications are available at the Lake Eustis Chamber of Commerce. For more information, contact Sharron Semento at 352-357-3434, info@eustischamber.org or log on to www.eustisgeorgefest.com.



WHEN: FEB. 28

What: Central Florida Health Alliance Day of Dance

Where: Lake-Sumter Community College Gymnasium, Leesburg

Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Cost: free to Spirit of Women members

Enjoy dance demonstrations, heart education, a variety of health screenings, refreshments and door prizes. There is no cost to join the Spirit of Women program. To join, log on to www.cfhalliance.org. For more information, contact Winnie Rudat at 352-323-5568, wrudat@cfhalliance.org or log on to www.cfhalliance.org.

WHEN: FEB. 28

What: Downtown Eustis Cruise-In

Where: Downtown Eustis and Ferran Park

Time: 5 to 9 p.m. Cost: free

The Downtown Eustis Cruise-In features hundreds of classic cars in the great atmosphere of an historic downtown. Take a stroll down memory lane, checking out beautiful cars while listening to great tunes from the disc jockey. Registration is free. Great door prizes and eight \$50 cash prizes are given away each month. For more information, contact Wayne Carter at 352-357-8555, events@eustismainstreet.org or log on to www.eustismainstreet.org.

WHEN: FEB. 28

What: Scrub-Jay Trail Day

Where: Florida Scrub-Jay Trail, Clermont

Time: 8 to 11 a.m.

Cost: free

This program is becoming increasingly popular as volunteers assemble every month at the Florida Scrub-Jay Trail to do their part to save the Florida Scrub-Jay. Beginning with breakfast and an update on the front porch of the Trailhouse, they then hit the trail to plant native scrub plants and pull weeds to clear the path. For more information, contact Bruce Brown at 352-429-5566, bruce@scrubjaytrail.org or log on to www.scrubjaytrail.org.

WHEN: FEB. 28

What: The Full Monty

Where: The Historic State Theatre, Eustis

Time: 2:30 & 8 p.m.

Cost: \$18

Seeing how much their wives enjoy watching male strippers during their girls' night out, unemployed steelworkers in Buffalo, N.Y., come up with a bold way to make some quick cash. In the process, they find renewed self-esteem, the importance of friendship and the ability to have fun. For more information, call 352-357-7777 or log on to www. baystreetplayers.org.





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WHEN: MARCH 1-31

What: March Migration Kayak Tour *Where: Haynes Creek, Leesburg*

Time: 9 a.m.

Come see the migrating birds in full breeding plumage. These birds arrive in waves and their colors are gorgeous. Many of Florida's interior waters look as they did in the distant past and a kayak tour is a great way to explore them. For more information, contact Kenny & Jenny Boyd at 352-589-7899, jenniferkayaks@yahoo.com or log on to www.centralfloridakayaktours.com.

WHEN: MARCH 1, 7-8, 14-15, 21-22, 28-29

What: Toy Train Layout

Where: Yesterdaze Antiques, Mount Dora

Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Cost: free

Come see the operating Lionel and American Flyer train layout. Bring a Lionel train to run. Also, browse the shop for other antiques and collectibles such as toys, sporting goods, vintage clothing and accessories and architectural salvage. Call before coming to be sure the train operator will be there. For more information, contact Andrea or Gene at 352-326-2601.

WHEN: MARCH 1

What: Antique Motorcycle Club Sunshine Chapter Annual Meet Where: Lake County Fairgrounds, Eustis Time: Fri. & Sat. 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Cost: Parking fee only

This event is the Sunshine Chapter of the Antique Motorcycle Club of America's 14th annual meet and features a large display of antique motorcycles and parts for sale. Sunday features judging of the restored motorcycles at 9 a.m. For more information, call 352-357-9692 or e-mail jallen@lakecountyfl.gov.

WHEN: MARCH 1

What: GeorgeFest 2009 Where: Ferran Park and downtown Eustis Time: Fri. 5-10 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sun. 12-5 p.m. Cost: free

The 107th Annual George Washington's Birthday Festival "George Fest" in Ferran Park on beautiful Lake Eustis is a three-day event with food, carnival rides, vendors, contests and live entertainment. Fireworks are scheduled for Friday night, weather permitting. The annual Grand Parade will be held on Saturday morning. Parade entry applications are available at the Lake Eustis Chamber of Commerce. For more information, contact Sharron Semento at 352-357-3434, info@eustischamber.org or log on to www.eustisgeorgefest.com.

WHEN: MARCH 1

What: The Full Monty

Where: The Historic State Theatre, Eustis Time: Wed.-Sat. 8 p.m.; Sun. 2:30 p.m. Cost: \$15 Wed.-Thur.; \$18 Fri.-Sun.

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WHEN: MARCH 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

What: Tavares Tuesday Farmers Market

Where: Wooton Park, Tavares Time: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Cost: free

The Tavares Tuesday Farmers Market features fresh produce, citrus, plants, flowers, bakery items, pastas, jams and jellies, honey, herbs, fresh seafood and organics. The market also offers handcrafted items, such as soaps, candles, oils, jewelry and other one-of-a-kind items. In addition, the market offers great food, slowly smoked barbecue, British meat pies from The Proper Pie Company, cold-cut style sandwiches, smoothies, sweets and more. For more information, contact Daryl Flournoy at 352-551-4964 or dflournoy@hughes.net.

WHEN: MARCH 4-28

What: South Lake Art League Spring Members Show

Where: South Lake Art League Gallery, Clermont

Time: reception on March 7 at 1 p.m.

Cost: free

The South Lake Art League is holding its Spring Art Show from March 4-28. For more information, contact Sue Sutton at 352-241-4950, southlakeart@aol.com or log on to www.southlakeartleague.com.

WHEN: MARCH 5, 12, 19, 26

What: Air Force One: The Flying White House

Where: Presidents Hall of Fame, Clermont

Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Cost: \$9.95 adult; \$4.95 child, age 6-12; 5 & under free

This exhibit details some of the events that have taken place aboard the aircraft of U.S. Presidents. For more information, contact Joy England at 352-394-2836, phofiz@aol.com or log on to presidentshalloffame.com.

WHEN: MARCH 6

What: First Friday Street Fest

Where: Downtown Eustis

Time: 6 to 10 p.m.

Cost: free

Visit downtown Eustis for this street party. Each month, three stages are filled with some of the area's best musical entertainment. Visitors can also check out the downtown shops, restaurants and art vendors. The event also includes a kid's area and plenty of food vendors with soft drinks, beer, wine and margaritas. For more information, contact Wayne Carter at 532-357-8555, events@eustismainstreet.org or log on to www.eustismainstreet.org.

WHEN: MARCH 7-14

What: 19th Senior Soaring Championship Where: Seminole-Lake Gliderport, Clermont Time: Sun.-Sat. 12-4:30 p.m.

Cost: free

The pilots are 55 years of age or older and are some of the top glider pilots from the United States and Canada. This is a speed and distance task. The course will be 100 to 200 miles each day. It is a great experience to observe these beautiful and graceful gliders soar through the air. For more information, contact Knut or Ingrid Kjenslie at 352-394-5450, soarfl@aol.com or log on to www.soarfl.com.

WHEN: MARCH 7-9

What: National Wildlife Federation Habitat Stewards Training

Where: B.B. Brown's Gardens, Clermont

Time: Sat. 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sun. & Mon. 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Cost: \$95

This three-day program trains citizens to become Habitat Stewards by going out into their communities to create wildlife habitat and gardens in public places. Expert speakers from around Florida conduct lectures, field trips and hands-on training in all the elements needed to create a wildlife habitat in schools, churches and other places. For more information, contact Bruce Brown at 352-429-5566 or bbbrowns@earthlink.net.



WHEN: MARCH 7-8 What: Art in the Park Where: Log Cabin Park, Lady Lake

This event is an annual event with many of fine artist and crafters. There is food and entertainment. The festival is presented by the Lady Lake Chamber of Commerce. For more information, contact Terri Rudzitis at 352-344-0657, tnteventsinc@embarqmail.com or log on to www.tnteventsinc.com.

WHEN: MARCH 7

What: 10th Annual Citywide Yard Sale Where: Umatilla Library and Cadwell Park

Time: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The 10th Annual Umatilla Citywide Yard Sale features vendor tables at the Cadwell Park Recreation Building on Cassidy Street, more than 70 yard-sales throughout town and a book sale at the library. For more information, contact Janet Lewis at 352-669-3284 or log on to umatillalibrary.com.

WHEN: MARCH 7

What: Astor Chamber 4th Annual Chili & Rib Cook-off

Where: Astor Community Center

Time: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Cost: Various

Astor Chamber Of Commerce's Fourth Annual Chili Cook-off & Rib Cook-off will include Red Chili, People's Choice Chili and Rib Cook-off. The cook-off will benefit the tornado victims, "Blues Brothers Show & Revue" will provide entertainment. The event also includes several raffles, bake sale, chicken wing eating contest and more. For more information, contact Nancy Brand at 352-759-2496, info@astorchamber. com or log on to www.astorchamber.com.

WHEN: MARCH 7

What: BBO & Bake Sale Fundraiser

Where: American Legion Post 219, Fruitland Park

Time: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost: \$7 & under

Prices for this fundraiser includes a smoker rotisserie chicken/pork combo dinner \$7, a pork sandwich plate \$6 and pork sandwich \$5. For more information, contact Jan Coons at 352-787-2338 or dalecoons@ netzero.com.

WHEN: MARCH 7 What: Feasts of Fall

Where: Lake County Art Center, Minneola

Time: 6 to 9 p.m. Cost: free

The Lake County Art Center presents an art show the first Saturday of each month. The shows include free food and beverages, demonstrations and live music. For more information, contact Peggy Earnest at 352-242-9676.

WHEN: MARCH 7

What: Mardi Gras Event Where: Minneola City Hall Time: 6:30 to 11 p.m. Cost: \$35

An evening of masquerade fun featuring a New Orleans style dinner, dancing and entertainment. Wear a costume or Mardi Gras colors. Costume contests and door prizes will be awarded. Cash bar is available. Seating is limited. Proceeds benefit local charities and scholarships for East Ridge and South Lake High Schools. For more information, contact Sandie Stacy at 352-243-1910 or btchapter@aol.com.

WHEN: MARCH 9

What: Senior Life Expo: Passport to Good Living

Where: Lake Receptions, Mount Dora

Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Cost: free

The Senior Life Expo: Passport to Good Living is a free, educational tradeshow for senior citizens. It will feature several different types of booths, prize drawings, food and health screenings. For more information, contact Arin Wales at 352-357-8223, arin.wales@ lakereceptions.com or log on to www.lakereceptions.com.

WHEN: MARCH 11

What: 4th Annual Multi-Chamber Business Expo

Where: Lakes Receptions, Mount Dora

Time: varies

Cost: free

The joint chambers of commerce for Eustis, East Lake, Mount Dora and Tavares are proud to present the 2009 Lake County Business to Business Exposition. For more information, call 352-383-2165, e-mail clerical@ mountdora.com or log on to www.mountdora.com.

WHEN: MARCH 13-15, 20-22, 27-29

What: Butterflies Are Free

Where: Melon Patch Playhouse, Leesburg

Time: Fri. & Sat. 8 p.m.; Sun. 2 p.m. Cost: \$15 adult; \$7 student

"Butterflies are Free" by Leonard Gershe is about Don Baker who has left his mother's home and moved into a flat in New York. Occupying the adjoining flat is Jill Tanner, a lovely but light-headed young actress. Their blossoming friendship is a plus for Don, but a major minus for Mrs. Baker. All the characters learn major lessons of love, forgiveness and acceptance. For more information, contact Marie Cormier at 352-787-3013, me1on50@aol.com or log on to www.businessmasters.net/melonpatch.

WHEN: MARCH 13-15

What: C Scow, Melges 17 & M-16 Sailing Regatta

Where: Lake Eustis Sailing Club

Time: all day

Cost: \$70-\$100

A sailing regatta for C scows, Melges 17 and m-16 scows. For more information, contact Jim Lingeman at 352-589-0488, lingeinl@aol.com or log on to www.lakeeustissailingclub.org.

WHEN: MARCH 13-15

What: Mount Dora Art League Annual Spring Show Where: Mount Dora Chamber of Commerce, Mount Dora Time: Fri. 4-6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Cost: free

This is a great opportunity to view the work of this area's talented artists. The show will feature all types of mediums, including oil, acrylic, mixed media and photography. For more information, call 352-742-4620.



WHEN: MARCH 13-14

What: 11th Annual Pig on the Pond Sanctioned BBO Competition & Festival Where: Waterfront Park, Clermont

The 11th Annual Pig on the Pond event includes a sanctioned BBQ competition, Midway Carnival, crafters, food vendors, entertainment under the main tent, kid's zone, sponsor row and more. Pig on the Pond is focused on raising funds for scholarship and educational programs in South Lake County. For more information, contact Cheryl Fishel at 352-516-5897, pigonthepond@earthlink.net or log on to www.pigonthepond.org.

WHEN: MARCH 13

What: Fish Fry Fundraiser

Where: American Legion Post 219, Fruitland Park

Time: 4 to 7 p.m.

Cost: \$7 adult: \$3.50 child, age 10 and under

For more information, contact Jan Coons at 352-787-2338 or dalecoons@netzero.com.

WHEN: MARCH 14

What: Meet the Florida Scrub-Jay Where: Florida Scrub-Jay Trail, Clermont Time: 8 to 11 a.m. Cost: free

Many people have never seen the Florida Scrub-Jay. This event gives an opportunity to not only see the Florida Scrub-Jay, but to learn about its habitat. This bird is listed as threatened and will probably be listed as endangered very soon. Come to the Florida Scrub-Jay Trail to learn all about this species and explore its habitat on the Trail. For more information, contact Bruce Brown at 352-429-5566. bruce@scrubjaytrail.org or log on to www.scrubjaytrail.org.



WHEN: MARCH 14-15

What: Jazz, Wine & Seafood Festival Where: Lakeridge Winery & Vineyards, Clermont Time: Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Cost: \$2

This event includes arts & crafts, live music, tours and wine tasting, and food & beverages available for purchase. For more information, contact Brenda Johnson at 352-394-8627 or log on to www.lakeridgewinery.com.

WHEN: MARCH 15

What: Lyrical Works by Carla Poindexter with The Eccentric Teapot

Where: Lake Eustis Museum of Art

Time: 6-9 p.m. opening; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays

Cost: \$5 for non-members

The Pendulums Pinwheels & Flying Machines: lyrical paintings and drawings by Carla Poindexter, with The Eccentric Teapot, by Robb Reedy will have its opening reception on Jan. 15. The exhibit runs to March 15. For more information, contact Susan Loden at 352-483-2900, lodensusan@gmail.com or log on to www.lakeeustismuseumofart.org.

WHEN: MARCH 17

What: NTC Collegiate/Open Track & Field Series #1

Where: National Training Center Track & Field Complex, Clermont

Time: 2 p.m.

Cost: \$17 first event; \$5 each additional

This is a college and open track meet with track events of 100-meter hurdles, 4x100 meter relay, 1500-meter run, 100-meter dash, 400-meter dash, 800-meter dash, 400-meter hurdles, 3000-meter steeplechase, 200-meter dash, 4x400 meter relay and 5000-meter run. Field events include hammer, shot put, discus, javelin, pole vault, long jump, high jump and triple jump. For more information, contact Andrew Vince at 352-241-7144 ext. 4216, andrew.vince@orlandohealth.com or log on to www.usantc.com.

WHEN: MARCH 18

What: Mount Dora Art League

Where: W.T. Bland Public Library, Mount Dora

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Cost: free

Peggy Brown will present at the monthly meeting of the Mount Dora Art League. The subject will be "Experimental Collage." Brown is known throughout the area for her work in this type of art. All are invited to this program and light refreshments will be served. For more information, call 352-735-0128.

WHEN: MARCH 19

What: High Tea Series

Where: Florida Carriage Museum & Resort, Lady Lake

Time: 2:30 to 4 p.m. Cost: \$44.50

Come and enjoy the High Tea Series in a gorgeous countryside setting with different breeds of horses, astounding beautifully restored carriages, and lovely vocal and instrumental music. For more information, contact Rita Cloutier at 352-750-5500 ext. 248, rita.cloutier@fcmr.org or log on to www.fcmr.org/hightea.

WHEN: MARCH 20-22

What: Classic Race Boat Regatta

Where: Wooton Park, Tavares

Time: varies

Cost: donation for admission

Classic race boats will perform exhibition flybys in a race-like setting on a 1.5-mile oval course. There will also be a land display of classic boats in the park during this event. Events also include a classic car cruise-in. For more information, contact Bill Feikert at 352-406-5885 or log on to www.classicraceboatassoc.com.

WHEN: MARCH 20-22

What: Lake County Pistoleros - Ides of March Annual Match

Where: Eustis Gun Club, Tavares

Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Cost: free for spectators; participants \$60

Step back in time to the Old West. Members of Single Action Shooting Society (SASS) present their annual match. The theme this year will be Buffalo Bills Wild West Extravaganza. This is an Old West Shooting Competition. Competitors dress in the fashion of the Old West. Spectators are welcome but must have eye and ear protection. For more information, contact Betty Woodburn at 352-357-3065, idesofmarch@embargmail.com or log on to www.lakecountypistoleros.com.

WHEN: MARCH 21-22

What: NTC Wild Weekend of Women Triathlon Camp

Where: National Training Center, Clermont

Time: varies

For more information, contact Carol Kneller at 352-241-7144 ext. 4202, carol.kneller@orlandohealth.com or log on to www.usantc.com.

WHEN: MARCH 21

What: Chinese Auction Fundraiser

Where: American Legion Post 219, Fruitland Park

Time: 2 p.m.

Cost: free

At this Annual Auxiliary Unit 219 fundraiser, the doors open at 2 p.m. for bidding and the auction drawing begins at 4 p.m. For more information, contact Jan Coons at 352-787-2338 or dalecoons@netzero.com.



Festival of Reading

WHEN: MARCH 25

What: Author Bill Belleville Where: Tavares Civic Center Time: 3 p.m. Cost: free

Bill Belleville is an award-winning writer and documentary filmmaker specializing in environmental issues. His critically acclaimed "River of Lakes: A Journey on Florida's St. Johns River" won the Michael J. Shaara Award for Excellence in Writing. For more information, call 352-742-6204, e-mail jbuckland@lakeline.lib.fl.us or log on to www.mylakelibrary.org.

WHEN: MARCH 25 What: Author Bill Belleville

Where: Cagan Crossings Community Library, Clermont

Time: 6:30 p.m. Cost: free

His filmmaking credits include an Emmy award for "Wekiva: Legacy or Loss." His book "Losing it all to Sprawl" was named one of "Best Books of 2006" by the Library Journal; was given the 1000 Friends of Florida's Al Burt Award for Excellence in Journalism; and was a Bronze Medal winner in the 2007 Florida Book Awards. For more information, call 352-243-1841, e-mail jbuckland@lakeline.lib.fl.us or log on to www.mylakelibrary.org.

WHEN: MARCH 25
What: Author Bob Grenier

Where: East Lake County Library, Sorrento

Time: 2 p.m. Cost: free

Author Bob Grenier will present Lake County history. He is the author of "The Gallant Captain Melton Haynes" and "Woodlea: Life on the Lake of the Dancing Sunbeam's." This event will include a special presentation by the East Lake Historical Society. For more information, contact Scott Amey at 352-383-9980, samey@lakeline.lib.fl.us or log on to www.mylakelibrary.org.

WHEN: MARCH 25 What: Local Authors' Day Where: Umatilla Public Library Time: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Cost: free

Local Authors' Day offers an opportunity to meet and speak with Central Florida authors, including Michael Suib, Nancy Butler-Ross, Cliff Halford, Stella Balandram, Colleen Avelli and Jeffrey Lamb. For more information, call 352-669-3284, e-mail jbuckland@lakeline.lib.fl.us or log on to www.mylakelibrary.org.

WHEN: MARCH 25

What: A Celebration in Images, featuring Bruce Hunt

Where: Lady Lake Public Library

Time: 11 a.m. Cost: free

Bruce Hunt, freelance writer, photographer and author of "Florida Then and Now" is the winner of the 2007 Florida Book Awards Silver Medal for Nonfiction. Hunt re-photographed the original locations of 130 historic Florida photographs spanning a hundred years from the 1870s to the 1970s. Winners of the Lady Lake Library Photography Contest will be displayed. For more information, call 352-669-3284, e-mail jbuckland@lakeline.lib.fl.us or log on to www.mylakelibrary.org.

WHEN: MARCH 26

What: Author Mary Anna Evans

Where: Tavares Civic Center

Time: 7 p.m.
Cost: free

Mary Anna's latest award-winning archaeological mystery is on Amazon's bestseller lists, including the list of Hot New Mystery Releases. For more information, contact Judy Buckland at 352-742-6204, jbuckland@lakeline.lib.fl.us or log on to www.mylakelibrary.org.

WHEN: MARCH 26

What: Brunch with Author Karen Hawkins

Where: Leesburg Public Library

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Cost: \$15

Karen Hawkins is the USA Today and New York Times bestselling author of a dozen historical romance novels including three series: MacLean Curse, Ask Reeves and Talisman Ring. For more information, contact Judy Buckland at 352-728-9790, jbuckland@lakeline.lib.fl.us or log on to www.mylakelibrary.org.

WHEN: MARCH 26

What: Mixing Laughs with Murder

Where: Cagan Crossings Community Library, Clermont

Time: 7 p.m. Cost: free

This event features Bob Morris, James O. Born and Elaine Viets, three of Florida's best-selling, award-winning mystery writers. For more information, contact Judy Buckland at 352-243-1841, jbuckland@lakeline.lib.fl.us or log on to www.mylakelibrary.org.

WHEN: MARCH 26

What: Writing Workshop with Vic DiGenti Where: W.T. Bland Public Library, Mount Dora Time: 2 p.m.

Cost: free

Learn to write compelling scenes with author Vic DiGenti, author of the Windrusher series. He will explain the importance of scenes and demonstrates how the use of three important elements will bring life to a scene and keep the reader turning pages. For more information, contact Judy Buckland at 352-735-7180, jbuckland@lakeline.lib.fl.us or log on to www.mylakelibrary.org.

WHEN: MARCH 27

What: Author Reception

Where: W.T. Bland Public Library, Mount Dora

Time: 6:30 p.m. Cost: free

Join authors for a relaxed reception with cash bar and gourmet hors d'oeuvres. Featured authors include Cynthia Barnett, James O. Born, Kristin Congdon, Vic DiGenti, Tim Dorsey, Mary Anna Evans, Bob Morris, Elaine Viets, Stephen G. Craft and more. A book signing will run concurrently. For more information, call 352-735-7180, e-mail jbuckland@lakeline.lib. fl.us or log on to www.mylakelibrary.org.

WHEN: MARCH 27

What: Author Tim Dorsey

Where: W.T. Bland Library, Mount Dora

Time: 10:30 a.m. Cost: free

New York Times bestselling-author Tim Dorsey returns with his 11th book in the Serge Storms series. For more information, contact Judy Buckland at 352-735-7180, jbuckland@lakeline.lib.fl.us or log on to www.mylakelibrary.org.

WHEN: MARCH 27

What: Dr. Kristin Congdon, Florida Folk Art and History

Where: Clermont Woman's Club

Time: 2 p.m.

Cost: free

Dr. Congdon's work is largely based in the preservation of folk arts, feminist criticism and the role of arts education in the community. Members of the Quilting Sisters Guild will be displaying quilts at the event. For more information, contact Judy Buckland at 352-394-4265, jbuckland@lakeline.lib.fl.us or log on to www.mylakelibrary.org.

WHEN: MARCH 27

What: Florida Masters of Mystery

Where: Leesburg Public Library

Time: 2 p.m.

Cost: free

James O. Born, Tim Dorsey, Mary Anna Evans, Bob Morris and Elaine Viets will be the featured panel of mystery writing superstars. Authors will discuss their secrets of success. For more information, contact Judy Buckland at 352-728-9790, jbuckland@lakeline.lib.fl.us or log on to www.mylakelibrary.org.

WHEN: MARCH 28

What: Author Cynthia Barnett

Where: Blackwater Inn. Astor

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Cost: free

"Mirage: Florida and the Vanishing Water of the Eastern U.S." won the gold medal for best nonfiction in the Florida Book Awards. Join the library for complimentary coffee and refreshments at Astor's premier fine dining location, overlooking St. Johns River. For more information, contact Judy Buckland at 352-759-9913, jbuckland@lakeline.lib.fl.us or log on to www.mylakelibrary.org.

WHEN: MARCH 28

What: Author Dr. Garv Mormino

Where: Leesburg Public Library

Time: 2 p.m. Cost: free

Dr. Mormino, author of "Land of Sunshine, State of Dreams: A Social History of Modern Florida" explains the explosive growth in Florida and its impact. This book was the winner of the Charlton Tebeau Book Award in 2006 and the Choice Outstanding Academic Book in 2007. For more information, call 352-728-9790, e-mail jbuckland@lakeline.lib.fl.us or log on to www.mylakelibrary.org.

WHEN: MARCH 28

What: Author Stephen G. Craft

Where: Paisley County Library

Time: 11 a.m.

Cost: free

Embry-Riddle at War is the first study of a civilian aviation school during World War II. Stephen Craft examines the myriad components of aeronautical training, the evolution of a civilian company contributing to the war effort, the experiences and lives of those who participated in the school, and the crucial part Florida played in the war. For more information, contact Judy Buckland at 352-669-1001, jbuckland@lakeline.lib.fl.us or log on to www.mylakelibrary.org.

WHEN: MARCH 28

What: Bluegrass Festival

Where: East Lake County Library, Sorrento

Time: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Cost: free

The event will offer the best in bluegrass music and activities for children, including face painters and pony rides. The Friends of the East Lake County Library will have their spring book and bake sale, raffle and yard sale. For more information, call 352-383-9980, e-mail samey@lakeline.lib.fl.us or log on to www.mylakelibrary.org.

WHEN: MARCH 28

What: Second Annual Fiction Writing Seminar

Where: Clermont Woman's Club

Time: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Cost: free

Author Cynthia Thomason returns to cover Elements of Fiction Writing in the morning and The Business of Writing in the afternoon. Topics will include characterization, plotting, research, settings that sizzle, self-editing, how to find an agent, query letters and more. Event is free but reservations are requested. For more information, contact Dennis Smolarek at 352-394-4265, dsmolarek@lakeline.lib.fl.us or log on to www.mylakelibrary.org.

WHEN: MARCH 27-29

What: Sunnyland Antique & Classic Wood Boat Show on Lake Dora

Where: Wooton Park, Tavares Time: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Cost: \$5 per day; \$10 for 3 days

The Classic Boat Show on Lake Dora is being held for the second year at a new location, Wooton Park in Tavares. More than 10,000 attendees are expected to see over 150 antique and classic (wood and fiberglass) power boats in the water and another 125 boats on land. Attendees can watch the Amphicar parade on Saturday. For more information, contact Vance Jochim at 352-638-3578, vjtraveler@comcast.net or log on to http://www.acbs-sunnyland.com.

WHEN: MARCH 27

What: Good News Annual Banquet
Where: First Baptist Church of Mount Dora

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Cost: free

Hear testimonies of former inmates who have changed their lives from addiction to a life where they have become a productive member of society. A great meal and music will be provided. For more information, contact Pete Bandstra at 352-343-2715 or jailchappete@aol.com.

WHEN: MARCH 28-29

What: AKC Dog Obedience Trials

Where: Lake County Expo Center/Fairgrounds, Eustis

Time: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Cost: free

Central Florida Obedience Dog Club will host its obedience trials in the Expo Hall. For more information, call 352-357-9692 or e-mail iallen@lakecountyfl.gov.

WHEN: MARCH 28

What: 35th Annual Eagle Track and Field Invitational

Where: Montverde Academy

Time: 9 a.m.

For more information, contact Kevin Sutton at 407-469-2561 or log on to www.montverde.org.

WHEN: MARCH 28

What: Downtown Eustis Cruise-In

Where: Downtown Eustis and Ferran Park

Time: 5 to 9 p.m. Cost: free

The Downtown Eustis Cruise-In features hundreds of classic cars in the great atmosphere of an historic downtown. Take a stroll down memory lane, checking out beautiful cars while listening to great tunes from the disc jockey. Registration is free. Great door prizes and eight \$50 cash prizes are given away each month. For more information, contact Wayne Carter at 352-357-8555, events@eustismainstreet.org or log on to www.eustismainstreet.org.

WHEN: MARCH 28

What: It's a Florida Scrub-Jay Trail day

Where: Florida Scrub-Jay Trail, Clermont

Time: 8 to 11 a.m.

Cost: free

Visit the Florida Scrub-Jay Trail to learn about this beautiful bird and to preserve its habitat. Every month, Trailblazers meet for breakfast on the porch of the Trailhouse, followed by a Trail update. Then they head out to the Trail to maintain the plants and paths to keep the habitat open for the scrub-jay. For more information, contact Bruce Brown at 352-429-5566, bruce@scrubjaytrail.org or log on to www.scrubjaytrail.org.

WHEN: MARCH 28

What: NTC Collegiate/Open Track & Field Series #2

Where: National Training Center Track & Field Complex, Clermont

Time: 10 a.m

Cost: \$17 for first event; \$5 each additional

This is a college and open track meet with track events of 100-meter hurdles, 4x100 meter relay, 1500-meter run, 100-meter dash, 400-meter dash, 800-meter dash, 400-meter hurdles, 3000-meter steeplechase, 200-meter dash, 4x400 meter relay and 5000-meter run. Field events include hammer, shot put, discus, javelin, pole vault, long jump, high jump and triple jump. For more information, contact Andrew Vince at 352-241-7144 ext. 4216, andrew.vince@orlandohealth.com or log on to www.usantc.com.

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